



## MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

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HB 66

HB 66: Clarify agency to which State Records is attached  
Senate State Administration, RM 335  
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Secretary of State Linda McCulloch's Testimony

- Good afternoon Mr. Chair, members of the committee. For the record, I am Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State.
- I support HB 66, as it clarifies that the State Records Committee is currently and historically administered by the Secretary of State, and provides the Secretary of State rule-making authority.
- Thank you Representative Hands for carrying this bill on behalf of Representative Swanson.
- This bill is important for managing records for state government, including the records of this Legislative body.
- The preservation and protection of state and local government documents is essential for continuity of public and transparent business-critical functions and for ensuring historical legacy.
- Likewise, when a record has met its retention, proper training and direction for destroying those records ensures measurable cost- savings for Montana taxpayers.
- Rulemaking authority is needed to establish transparent requirements for agencies to comply with current, public recordkeeping.
- I ask that you support HB 66 to ensure proper management and safeguarding of Montana's public records.
- Thank you for your time today.